

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF DANGEROUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Act No. 3573, November 26, 1929

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Prophylactic inoculations.—For the purpose of preventing or suppressing dangerous communicable diseases, any person may be inoculated, administered or injected with prophylactic preparations of recognized efficiency and standard and no person shall refuse to permits or receive such inoculation, administration or injection or to hinder or obstruct in any way such protective measures as may be deemed advisable by the Director of Health or his authorized representative.

SEC. 2. Notice to the Philippine Health Service about communicable diseases.—Every physician, director, superintendent, or person in charge of a hospital, institution or dispensary having knowledge of, or any householder, tenant, or occupant of any building, or any director, manager, or person in charge of a college, convent, or boarding school or factory upon which occurs any case of reportable or communicable disease, shall immediately notify the nearest health station either by telephone, by messenger or by written notice, specifying the disease and the name and address of the person afflicted.

SEC. 3. "A case of reportable or communicable disease" defined.—The term "a case of reportable or communicable disease," for the purpose of this Act, shall be held to include any person sick of, or affected or attacked by, any of the following diseases: Actinomycosis, acute anterior poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), anthrax, Asiatic cholera, beriberi (adults and infants), cerebrospinal meningitis (epidemic), diphtheria, dysentery (amoebic and bacillary), encephalitis lethargica, filariasis, food poisoning, glanders, influenza, leprosy, malaria, measles, mumps, ophthalmia necrotorum, plague, pneumonia (lobar, lobular, or bronchial), rabies, relapsing fever, scarlet fever, septic sore throat (epidemic), tetanus, trachoma, tuberculosis, typhoid and paratyphoid fever, typhus fever, variola or smallpox, varioloid, varicella, Vincent's angina, whooping cough, and yellow fever, and shall further include any other disease publicly declared by the Director of Health to be communicable and dangerous to the public health.

SEC. 4. Penalties.—Any person who shall violate any provision of this Act shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred pesos.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

Approved, November 26, 1929

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